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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION OVERFLOW AGREEMENT
AMENDMENTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval to amend the Transportation Overflow Services Agreements with 20 ambulance companies to extend the term.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Director of Health Services (Director), or his designee, to execute amendments with the 20 designated ambulance companies on Attachment A, to extend the term of the agreements for six months, for the period July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 for the provision of transportation overflow services.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommendation will allow the Director to execute amendments to the Transportation Overflow Service Agreements (TOSA), substantially similar to Exhibit I, to extend the term of each agreement, effective July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, for the continued provision of transportation overflow services. The current agreements expire June 30, 2012.

DHS released a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) on April 12, 2012. During the RFSQ process County Counsel, Chief Executive Office and DHS determined that some contractual provisions require revision. DHS will review and revise these provisions and will return to the Board with successor agreements in fall 2012.

The County has an ambulance fleet to provide non-emergent Basic Life Support (BLS) transport of County patients between County hospitals, health, custody, or court facilities; State mental and other governmental hospital or health facilities, psychiatric wards, and private hospital or health facilities and patient homes. For a number of years, the County has contracted with private operators for the provision of patient transportation services for all Advanced Life Support (ALS), Critical Care, and Nurse-Staffed transports, and for BLS patients, on an as-needed basis, when County vehicles are unavailable and at night and on weekends for transportation to above-listed facilities. Ambulance transportation overflow services are required in order to meet the volume of calls received, as EMS staffing and ambulances are at 100% capacity of the BLS runs.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) is required under State regulations to establish policies for emergency and non-emergency medical services, including transportation, for inmates between medical facilities, such as clinics and hospitals, and custody facilities. Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and following a request by LASD personnel through the Department of Health Services' (DHS) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency's Central Dispatch Office, DHS provides non-emergency transport of LASD patients in custody, to and from DHS medical facilities and County custody facilities. If County BLS transport services are not available or the transport requires ALS, a transportation overflow contract ambulance company with a Transportation Overflow Service Agreement (TOSA) with DHS is utilized to provide transportation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated cost for transportation overflow services for the period of July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 is \$2.005 million. An estimated \$0.235 million of this cost will be offset by reimbursement from the LASD for inmate transports under the current MOU with DHS. Funding is included in DHS' Fiscal Year 2012-13 Recommended Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County Counsel has approved Exhibit I as to form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the provision of non-emergency ambulance transportation overflow services to continue uninterrupted.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Katz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director

MHK:rg

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

TRANSPORTATION OVERFLOW PROVIDERS

	COMPANY	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
1	AmbuServe, Inc.	15105 S. Broadway Avenue Gardena, CA 90248	(310) 644-0500
2	American Medical Response of Southern California	1055 W. Avenue J Lancaster, CA 93534	(661) 947-1234
3	Americare Ambulance Service	1059 E. Bedmar Street Carson, CA 90746	(310) 835-9390
4	Antelope Ambulance Service	PO Box 5480 Lancaster, CA 93535	(661) 951-1998
5	Bowers Companies Inc. dba Bowers Ambulance Service	3355 E. Spring Street, Suite 301 Long Beach, CA 90806	(562) 988-6460
6	Care Ambulance Service	1517 Braden Court Orange, CA 92868	(714) 288-3800
7	Emergency Ambulance Service	3200 E. Birch Street, Suite A Brea, CA 92821	(714) 990-1742
8	Gerber Ambulance Service	19801 Mariner Avenue Torrance, CA 90503	(310) 542-6464
9	Guardian Ambulance Service	1854 E. Corson Street, Suite 1 Pasadena, CA 91107	(626) 792-3688
10	Impulse Ambulance, Inc.	12531 Vanowen Street North Hollywood, CA 91605	(818) 982-3500
11	Liberty Ambulance, LLC.	14109 Pontlavoy Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670	(562) 741-6230
12	Mauran Ambulance Service, Inc.	1211 First Street San Fernando, CA 91340	(818) 365-3182
13	MedReach Ambulance Service	1303 Kona Drive Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220	(310) 781-9395
14	Mercy Ambulance Inc. dba Mercy Ambulance Service	7700 Imperial Highway, Suite D Downey, CA 90242	(877) 486-3729
15	Priority One Medical Transportation	740 S. Rochester Avenue, Suite E Ontario, CA 91761	(800) 600-3370
16	Rescue Services International, LTD	5462 Irwindale Avenue Irwindale, CA 91706	(626) 385-0440
17	Economy Transport LLC dba SafeCare Transportation	3521 Lomita Boulevard, Suite 102 Torrance, CA 90505	(888) 588-6777
18	Schaefer Ambulance Service	4627 W. Beverly Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90004	(323) 469-1473
19	WestCoast Ambulance, Inc.	6739 Victoria Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90043	(800) 880-0556
20	Westmed Ambulance Service, Inc., dba McCormick Ambulance, Inc.	13933 S. Crenshaw Boulevard Hawthorne, CA 90250	(310) 219-1779

Agreement No. _____

TRANSPORTATION OVERFLOW SERVICES AGREEMENT

Amendment No. 3

This Amendment is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20__ by and between the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (hereafter "County"), and _____ (hereafter "Contractor").

WHEREAS, on _____, the County and Contractor, entered into Agreement No. _____ to provide Transportation Overflow Services; and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2012, the Director exercised delegated authority as provided in Alteration of Terms paragraph 26 to approve Amendment No. 1 to extend the term for one year of Agreement No. _____; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2011, the Director exercised delegated authority as provided in Alteration of Terms paragraph 26 to approve Amendment No. 2 to extend the term for one year of Agreement No. _____; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties to extend the current amendment for a period of six months, on a month-to-month basis; and

WHEREAS, Agreement provides that changes in accordance with paragraph 26, Alteration of Terms may be made in the form of an amendment which is formally approved and executed by the parties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. This Amendment shall become effective on Board Approval.

EXHIBIT I

2. This Agreement is hereby amended to delete paragraph 1. Term, subparagraph A. in its entirety and replace it as follows:

“A. This Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2006, and shall continue in full force and effect to and including December 31, 2012. This Agreement, however, may be sooner cancelled or terminated (in whole and in part by the County) at any time, without cause, by either party upon giving at least thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice thereof to the other.”

3. Exhibit C, RATES TO BE CHARGED COUNTY FOR AMBULANCE/AMBULETTE TRANSPORTATION, shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the revised Exhibit C, RATES TO BE CHARGED COUNTY FOR AMBULANCE/AMBULETTE TRANSPORTATION, attached hereto.

4. Except for the changes set forth hereinabove, Agreement shall not be changed in any respect by this Amendment.

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EXHIBIT I

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be executed by the County's Director of Health Services and Contractor has caused this Amendment to be executed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By: _____
Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director of Health Services

CONTRACTOR

By: _____
Signature

Printed Name

Title

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY THE OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY COUNSEL